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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SLATE COMMITTEES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-601 of the 2014 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in this chapter and chapter 157:

5 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee, slate  
6 committee or a candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for  
7 a single primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political  
8 activities, to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party,  
9 any one or more candidates for public office or the position of town  
10 committee member or any referendum question.

11 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town  
12 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or  
13 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds

14 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town  
15 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so  
16 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town  
17 committee for purposes of this chapter and chapter 157.

18 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a  
19 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or  
20 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their  
21 activities in or outside the state, (C) an exploratory committee, [(D) a  
22 committee established by or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a  
23 primary for the office of justice of the peace, but does not mean a  
24 candidate committee or a party committee, (E)] (D) a legislative caucus  
25 committee, or [(F)] (E) a legislative leadership committee. "Political  
26 committee" does not include a candidate committee, slate committee or  
27 party committee.

28 (4) "Candidate committee" means any committee designated by a  
29 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or  
30 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or  
31 election and to aid or promote such candidate's candidacy alone for a  
32 particular public office or the position of town committee member, but  
33 does not mean a political committee or a party committee. For  
34 purposes of this chapter, "candidate committee" includes candidate  
35 committees for participating and nonparticipating candidates, unless  
36 the context of a provision clearly indicates otherwise.

37 (5) "Exploratory committee" means a committee established by a  
38 candidate for a single primary or election (A) to determine whether to  
39 seek nomination or election to (i) the General Assembly, (ii) a state  
40 office, as defined in subsection (e) of section 9-610, or (iii) any other  
41 public office, and (B) if applicable, to aid or promote such candidate's  
42 candidacy for nomination to the General Assembly or any such state  
43 office.

44 (6) "National committee" means the organization which according to

45 the bylaws of a political party is responsible for the day-to-day  
46 operation of the party at the national level.

47 (7) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in  
48 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from  
49 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section  
50 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section  
51 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative  
52 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to  
53 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based  
54 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional  
55 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership  
56 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean  
57 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

58 (8) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or  
59 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,  
60 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,  
61 trade or professional associations which receive funds from  
62 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,  
63 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue  
64 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code  
65 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;  
66 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,  
67 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and  
68 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,  
69 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business  
70 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service  
71 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single  
72 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business  
73 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (7)  
74 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political  
75 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,  
76 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of  
77 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal

78 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal  
79 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall  
80 be deemed to be one corporation.

81 (9) "Individual" means a human being, a sole proprietorship, or a  
82 professional service corporation organized under chapter 594a and  
83 owned by a single human being.

84 (10) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,  
85 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,  
86 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does  
87 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the  
88 state.

89 (11) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for  
90 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is  
91 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and chapter 157, an  
92 individual shall be deemed to seek nomination for election or election  
93 if such individual has (A) been endorsed by a party or become eligible  
94 for a position on the ballot at an election or primary, or (B) solicited or  
95 received contributions, other than for a party committee, made  
96 expenditures or given such individual's consent to any other person,  
97 other than a party committee, to solicit or receive contributions or  
98 make expenditures with the intent to bring about such individual's  
99 nomination for election or election to any such office. "Candidate" also  
100 means [a slate of candidates which is] a candidate or candidates who  
101 are to appear on the ballot [in a primary for the office of justice of the  
102 peace] as a slate committee or part of such committee. For the purposes  
103 of sections 9-600 to 9-610, inclusive, and section 9-621, "candidate" also  
104 means an individual who is a candidate in a primary for town  
105 committee members.

106 (12) "Treasurer" means the individual appointed by a candidate or  
107 by the chairperson of a party committee or a political committee to  
108 receive and disburse funds on behalf of the candidate or committee.

109 (13) "Deputy treasurer" means the individual appointed by the  
110 candidate or by the chairperson of a committee to serve in the capacity  
111 of the treasurer if the treasurer is unable to perform the treasurer's  
112 duties.

113 (14) "Solicitor" means an individual appointed by a treasurer of a  
114 committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on behalf of the  
115 committee.

116 (15) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at  
117 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional  
118 amendment.

119 (16) "Lobbyist" means a lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, and  
120 "communicator lobbyist" means a communicator lobbyist, as defined  
121 in section 1-91, and "client lobbyist" means a client lobbyist, as defined  
122 in section 1-91.

123 (17) "Business with which he is associated" means any business in  
124 which the contributor is a director, officer, owner, limited or general  
125 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total  
126 outstanding stock of any class. Officer refers only to the president,  
127 executive or senior vice-president or treasurer of such business.

128 (18) "Agent" means a person authorized to act for or in place of  
129 another.

130 (19) "Entity" means the following, whether organized in this or any  
131 other state: An organization, corporation, whether for-profit or not-for-  
132 profit, cooperative association, limited partnership, professional  
133 association, limited liability company and limited liability partnership.  
134 "Entity" includes any tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) of  
135 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding  
136 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to  
137 time, and any tax-exempt political organization organized under  
138 Section 527 of said code.

139 (20) "Federal account" means a depository account that is subject to  
140 the disclosure and contribution limits provided under the Federal  
141 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time.

142 (21) "Public funds" means funds belonging to, or under the control  
143 of, the state or a political subdivision of the state.

144 (22) "Legislative caucus committee" means a committee established  
145 under subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-605 by the majority  
146 of the members of a political party who are also state representatives  
147 or state senators.

148 (23) "Legislative leadership committee" means a committee  
149 established under subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 9-605 by a  
150 leader of the General Assembly.

151 (24) "Immediate family" means the spouse or a dependent child of  
152 an individual.

153 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party  
154 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership  
155 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee or a  
156 slate committee for:

157 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a  
158 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate  
159 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)  
160 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election  
161 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public  
162 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or  
163 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,  
164 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii)  
165 the communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any  
166 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or  
167 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat  
168 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political

169 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on  
170 behalf of a candidate committee;

171 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party  
172 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be  
173 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy  
174 of an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this  
175 title, a list of registered voters and voter identification information,  
176 which document is created or maintained by a party committee,  
177 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for  
178 the general purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to  
179 a candidate who is a member of the party that has established such  
180 party committee, or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of  
181 the caucus or leader who has established such legislative caucus  
182 committee or legislative leadership committee, whichever is  
183 applicable;

184 (C) A campaign event at which a candidate or candidates are  
185 present; or

186 (D) The retention of the services of an advisor to provide assistance  
187 relating to campaign organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law  
188 or media.

189 (26) "Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B)  
190 participating in any fundraising activities for a candidate committee,  
191 exploratory committee, political committee or party committee,  
192 including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential  
193 contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such  
194 committee, serving on the committee that is hosting a fundraising  
195 event, introducing the candidate or making other public remarks at a  
196 fundraising event, being honored or otherwise recognized at a  
197 fundraising event, or bundling contributions, (C) serving as  
198 chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or  
199 (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting

200 or receiving contributions for any committee. "Solicit" does not include  
201 (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted under this  
202 chapter, (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate  
203 for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any  
204 activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office,  
205 (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of  
206 such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this subdivision, or  
207 (v) mere attendance at a fundraiser.

208 (27) "Bundle" means the forwarding of five or more contributions to  
209 a single committee by a communicator lobbyist, an agent of such  
210 lobbyist, or a member of the immediate family of such lobbyist, or  
211 raising contributions for a committee at a fundraising affair held by,  
212 sponsored by, or hosted by a communicator lobbyist or an agent of  
213 such lobbyist, or a member of the immediate family of such lobbyist.

214 (28) "Slate committee" means a [political] committee formed by two  
215 or more candidates for nomination or election to any municipal office  
216 in the same town, city or borough, or in a primary for the office of  
217 justice of the peace or the position of town committee member,  
218 whenever such [political] committee will serve as the sole funding  
219 vehicle for the candidates' campaigns.

220 (29) (A) "Covered transfer" means any donation, transfer or  
221 payment of funds by a person to another person if the person receiving  
222 the donation, transfer or payment makes independent expenditures or  
223 transfers funds to another person who makes independent  
224 expenditures.

225 (B) The term "covered transfer" does not include:

226 (i) A donation, transfer or payment made by a person in the  
227 ordinary course of any trade or business;

228 (ii) A donation, transfer or payment made by a person, if the person  
229 making the donation, transfer or payment prohibited the use of such

230 donation, transfer or payment for an independent expenditure or a  
231 covered transfer and the recipient of the donation, transfer or payment  
232 agreed to follow the prohibition and deposited the donation, transfer  
233 or payment in an account which is segregated from any account used  
234 to make independent expenditures or covered transfers;

235 (iii) Dues, fees or assessments that are transferred between affiliated  
236 entities and paid by individuals on a regular, periodic basis in  
237 accordance with a per-individual calculation that is made on a regular  
238 basis;

239 (iv) For purposes of this subdivision, "affiliated" means (I) the  
240 governing instrument of the entity requires it to be bound by decisions  
241 of the other entity; (II) the governing board of the entity includes  
242 persons who are specifically designated representatives of the other  
243 entity or who are members of the governing board, officers, or paid  
244 executive staff members of the other entity, or whose service on the  
245 governing board is contingent upon the approval of the other entity; or  
246 (III) the entity is chartered by the other entity. "Affiliated" includes  
247 entities that are an affiliate of the other entity or where both of the  
248 entities are an affiliate of the same entity.

249 (30) "Party building activity" includes, but is not limited to, any  
250 political meeting, conference, convention, and other event, attendance  
251 or involvement at which promotes or advances the interests of a party  
252 at a local, state or national level, and any associated expenses,  
253 including travel, lodging, and any admission fees or other costs,  
254 whether or not any such meeting, conference, convention, or other  
255 event is sponsored by the party.

256 (31) "Social media" means an electronic medium where users may  
257 create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or  
258 downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts  
259 or instant messages.

260 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For purposes of chapter 155 of

261 the general statutes and notwithstanding the provisions of said  
262 chapter, a slate committee shall be treated as a candidate committee.

263 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-603 of the general statutes  
264 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
265 *from passage*):

266 (a) Statements filed by party committees, political committees  
267 formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum  
268 question proposing a constitutional convention, constitutional  
269 amendment or revision of the Constitution, individual lobbyists, and  
270 those political committees and candidate committees formed to aid or  
271 promote the success or defeat of any candidate for the office of  
272 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,  
273 State Comptroller, Attorney General, judge of probate and members of  
274 the General Assembly, shall be filed with the State Elections  
275 Enforcement Commission. [A political committee formed for a slate of  
276 candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace shall file  
277 statements with the town clerk of the municipality in which the  
278 primary is to be held.]

279 (b) Statements filed by political committees formed solely to aid or  
280 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question to be voted  
281 upon by the electors of a single municipality and those political  
282 committees, [or] candidate committees or slate committees formed to  
283 aid or promote the success or defeat of any candidate or candidates for  
284 public office, other than those enumerated in subsection (a) of this  
285 section, or the position of town committee member shall be filed only  
286 with the town clerk of the municipality in which the election or  
287 referendum is to be held. Each unsalaried town clerk shall be entitled  
288 to receive ten cents from the town for the filing of each such statement.

289 Sec. 4. Section 9-604 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
290 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

291 (a) [Each] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each

292 candidate for a particular public office or the position of town  
293 committee member shall form a single candidate committee for which  
294 he shall designate a treasurer and a depository institution situated in  
295 this state as the depository for the committee's funds and shall file a  
296 committee statement containing such designations, not later than ten  
297 days after becoming a candidate, with the proper authority as required  
298 by section 9-603. The candidate may also designate a deputy treasurer  
299 on such committee statement. The treasurer and any deputy treasurer  
300 so designated shall sign a statement accepting such designation which  
301 the candidate shall include as part of, or file with, the committee  
302 statement.

303 (b) The formation of a candidate committee by a candidate and the  
304 filing of statements pursuant to section 9-608 shall not be required if  
305 the candidate files a certification with the proper authority required by  
306 section 9-603, not later than ten days after becoming a candidate, and  
307 any of the following conditions exist for the campaign: (1) The  
308 candidate is one of a slate of candidates whose campaigns are funded  
309 solely by a party committee or a political committee formed for a  
310 single election or primary and expenditures made on behalf of the  
311 candidate's campaign are reported by the committee sponsoring the  
312 candidate's candidacy; (2) the candidate is part of a slate committee,  
313 formed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, that uses the slate  
314 committee as the sole vehicle for funding the candidate's campaign; (3)  
315 the candidate finances the candidate's campaign entirely from personal  
316 funds and does not solicit or receive contributions, provided if said  
317 candidate personally makes an expenditure or expenditures in excess  
318 of one thousand dollars to, or for the benefit of, said candidate's  
319 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to an office or  
320 position, said candidate shall file statements according to the same  
321 schedule and in the same manner as is required of a treasurer of a  
322 candidate committee under section 9-608; [(3)] (4) the candidate does  
323 not receive or expend funds in excess of one thousand dollars; or [(4)]  
324 (5) the candidate does not receive or expend any funds, including

325 personal funds, for the candidate's campaign. If the candidate no  
326 longer qualifies for the exemption under any of these conditions, the  
327 candidate shall comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
328 section, not later than three business days thereafter and shall provide  
329 the candidate's designated treasurer with all information required for  
330 completion of the treasurer's statements and filings as required by  
331 section 9-608. If the candidate no longer qualifies for the exemption  
332 due to the condition stated in the candidate's certification but so  
333 qualifies due to a different condition specified in this subsection, the  
334 candidate shall file an amended certification with the proper authority  
335 and provide the new condition for the candidate's qualification not  
336 later than three business days following the change in circumstances of  
337 the financing of the candidate's campaign. The filing of a certification  
338 under this subsection shall not relieve the candidate from compliance  
339 with the provisions of this chapter.

340 (c) The chairman of a political committee formed to support a single  
341 candidate for public office shall, not later than seven days after filing a  
342 statement of organization with the proper authority under section 9-  
343 603, send the candidate a notice, by certified mail, of such filing. If a  
344 candidate (1) does not, within fourteen days after receiving such  
345 notice, disavow such committee, in writing, to the proper authority  
346 under section 9-603, or (2) disavows such committee within such  
347 period, but, at any time before such disavowal, accepts funds from the  
348 committee for his campaign, such committee shall be deemed to have  
349 been authorized by such candidate and shall constitute a candidate  
350 committee for the purposes of this chapter. No candidate shall  
351 establish, agree to or assist in establishing, or give his consent or  
352 authorization to establishing a committee other than a single candidate  
353 committee to promote his candidacy for any public office except that a  
354 candidate may establish an exploratory committee. The candidate shall  
355 designate on the statement of organization for the exploratory  
356 committee the type of office to which the candidate is determining  
357 whether to seek nomination or election, as follows: (A) The General

358 Assembly, (B) a state office, or (C) any other public office. The  
359 candidate may also certify on the statement of organization that the  
360 candidate will not be a candidate for the office of state representative.  
361 Not later than fifteen days after a public declaration by the candidate  
362 of the candidate's intention to seek nomination or election to a  
363 particular public office, the candidate shall form a single candidate  
364 committee, except that in the case of a candidate establishing an  
365 exploratory committee for purposes including aiding or promoting the  
366 candidate's candidacy for nomination or election to the General  
367 Assembly or a state office, the candidate shall form a single candidate  
368 committee not later than fifteen days after the date that the treasurer of  
369 such exploratory committee is required to file a notice of intent to  
370 dissolve the committee under subsection (f) of section 9-608. As used  
371 in this subsection, "state office" has the same meaning as provided in  
372 subsection (e) of section 9-610.

373 (d) A slate [of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the  
374 peace] committee shall designate a chairperson to form a single  
375 [political] committee to comply with the requirements of section 9-605,  
376 except if the [individuals] individual candidates on the slate committee  
377 unanimously consent to have their campaign financed solely by a town  
378 committee and such committee consents to such financing by filing a  
379 statement of consent with the town clerk of the municipality in which  
380 the primary is to be held.

381 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the 2014  
382 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
383 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

384 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this  
385 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting  
386 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete  
387 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) an  
388 itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full  
389 name and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees

390 whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges  
391 which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to  
392 another person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the  
393 expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure,  
394 whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate  
395 supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a  
396 statement of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (C) an  
397 itemized accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if  
398 the expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall  
399 include secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee;  
400 (D) the name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan  
401 to, or the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the  
402 committee was formed, or the treasurer in the case of a party  
403 committee or a political committee or who has advanced a security  
404 deposit to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for  
405 telecommunications service for a committee; (E) for each business  
406 entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-  
407 raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair, the name and address  
408 of the business entity or the name and address of the person, and the  
409 amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (F) for each  
410 individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not  
411 more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known,  
412 the principal occupation of such individual and the name of the  
413 individual's employer, if any; (G) for each individual who contributes  
414 in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal  
415 occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's  
416 employer, if any; (H) for each itemized contribution made by a  
417 lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist  
418 who resides in the lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect; and  
419 (I) for each individual who contributes in excess of four hundred  
420 dollars in the aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's  
421 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief  
422 executive officer or a slate committee or town committee financing the  
423 nomination or election or a candidate for chief executive officer of a

424 town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual  
425 or a business with which he is associated has a contract with said  
426 municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each  
427 treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized accounting of  
428 the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held  
429 under the provisions of section 9-609 or any other fund-raising affair,  
430 which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-601a, and (ii) the date,  
431 location and a description of the affair, except that a treasurer shall not  
432 be required to include the name of any individual who has purchased  
433 items at a fund-raising affair or food at a town fair, county fair or  
434 similar mass gathering, if the cumulative value of items purchased by  
435 such individual does not exceed one hundred dollars, or the name of  
436 any individual who has donated food or beverages for a meeting. A  
437 treasurer shall not be required to report or retain any receipts or  
438 expenditures related to any de minimis donations described in  
439 subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a.

440 Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-611 of the 2014  
441 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
442 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

443 (a) (1) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,  
444 for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a  
445 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's  
446 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign  
447 for election, to the office of [(1)] (A) Governor, in excess of three  
448 thousand five hundred dollars; [(2)] (B) Lieutenant Governor,  
449 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in  
450 excess of two thousand dollars; [(3)] (C) chief executive officer of a  
451 town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; [(4)] (D) state  
452 senator or probate judge, in excess of one thousand dollars; [or (5)] (E)  
453 state representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (F) any  
454 other office of a municipality not previously included in this  
455 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars, except as provided  
456 in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

457 (2) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for  
458 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a slate  
459 committee in excess of two thousand dollars.

460 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall be applied separately  
461 to primaries and elections.

462 (b) [(1)] No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,  
463 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of three  
464 hundred seventy-five dollars, if the candidate establishing the  
465 exploratory committee certifies on the statement of organization for  
466 the exploratory committee pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-604  
467 that the candidate will not be a candidate for the office of state  
468 representative. No individual shall make a contribution or  
469 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any exploratory committee, in  
470 excess of two hundred fifty dollars, if the candidate establishing the  
471 exploratory committee does not so certify.

472 [(2) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, or  
473 for the benefit of, a political committee formed by a slate of candidates  
474 in a primary for the office of justice of the peace, in excess of two  
475 hundred fifty dollars.]

476 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the 2014 supplement to the  
477 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
478 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

479 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any  
480 one calendar year in excess of ten thousand dollars to the state central  
481 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant  
482 to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a town  
483 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee  
484 pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a  
485 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee, or  
486 one thousand dollars to any other political committee other than (1) a  
487 political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or

488 defeat of a referendum question, (2) an exploratory committee, or (3) a  
 489 political committee established by an organization, or for the benefit of  
 490 such committee pursuant to its authorization or request, [, or (4) a  
 491 political committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the  
 492 office of justice of the peace of the same town.]

493 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-613 of the general statutes is  
 494 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 495 *passage*):

496 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures  
 497 to, or for the benefit of, any [candidate's] campaign of a candidate,  
 498 including any candidate who is part of a slate committee, for election  
 499 to any public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination  
 500 at a primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of  
 501 any such candidate for any such office or position. No business entity  
 502 shall make any other contributions or expenditures to promote the  
 503 success or defeat of any political party, except as provided in  
 504 subsection (b) of this section. No business entity shall establish more  
 505 than one political committee. A political committee shall be deemed to  
 506 have been established by a business entity if the initial disbursement or  
 507 contribution to the committee is made under subsection (b) of this  
 508 section or by an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or  
 509 holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total  
 510 outstanding stock of any class of the business entity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-601
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-603(a) and (b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-604
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(c)(1)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-611(a) and (b)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(a)

Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-613(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To reclassify a slate committee as a committee rather than a political committee, to require slate committees to be treated as candidate committees and to make conforming and technical changes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*